

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES  
September 10, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order by President Pat Adam, on September 10, 2004 at 8:40 a.m. in the Education Room at the Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Adam introduced the two newly elected board members, Gayla Koerting of Vermillion and Robert E. Kolbe of Sioux Falls.

Board Members Present

Patricia Adam, Ann Stewart Balakier, Clare Bedsaul, Jeffrey V. Buechler, John D. Fowler, Gayla Koerting, Robert E. Kolbe, John E. Miller, Elizabeth Squyer, and Tom Tobin.

Board members not present

Robert Karolevitz and Paul V. Miller.

State Historical Society Staff Present

Jay D. Vogt, David Hartley, Jeanne Ode, Marvene Riis, Stephen Rogers, Joy Sears, Mike Vogel, Jason Haug, Chris B. Nelson, and Phonia Diedtrich. Riis introduced Carol Jennings who accepted an archivist position in the state archives.

Others Present

Also present were Jim and Ann Wilson, Francis Toscana, Ronda Feted, Georgeann Silvemil, Louie Lalondl, of Deadwood; Dale and Barbara Kennedy, Robert Boull, Lester Schmid, and Dorothy Nothdurft, Beresford vicinity; Brian Newell, Plankinton; Joe and Christine Skorjanec, Garretson; Martha Severance, Irene Cordts, Maurine Auchampach and Darlene Nepp, Faulkton; Robert Bates, Spearfish; and Secretary Jim Hagen of the Department of Tourism and State Development.

Board Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ann Stewart Balakier, seconded by Gayla Koerting to approve the minutes of the board meeting of May 20, 2004. The motion passed.

State Review Board

The State Review Board convened at 8:50 a.m. Stephen Rogers reviewed nomination procedure the staff uses to bring the National Register property nominations to the Board of Trustees.

National Register Nominations

Chris B. Nelson presented 5 nominations:

- 1) Black Hills Model Home, or the Wilkins House, Rapid City, Pennington County.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ann Stewart Balakier, seconded by Elizabeth Squyer to approve the nomination of the Black Hills Model Home to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed.

2) Otho Mining District, Greyhound Gulch, Keystone vicinity, Pennington County One of the buildings has been adapted for the use of wheel chair bound individuals who can camp at this location.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ann Stewart Balakier, seconded by John E. Miller to approve the nomination of the Otho Mining District to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed.

3) Johnson Ranch, Spearfish vicinity, Lawrence County. The current owner is Robert Bates who was present for the nomination process.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ann Stewart Balakier seconded by Elizabeth Squyer to approve the nomination of the Johnson Ranch to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed.

4) Sweeps Hotel, Plankinton, Aurora County.

The Trustees heard Brian Newell of Plankinton present an economic development plan for the community of Plankinton that included the relocation of the Sweeps Hotel. The owner of the property, Plankinton Historical Society, was not present at the meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ann Stewart Balakier, seconded by John E. Miller to approve the nomination of the Sweeps Hotel to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed.

5) Mathias Schmid Farm, Beresford vicinity, Lincoln County. Mr. Schmid was of Swiss heritage and the property is still owned by a family member and operated by another family member.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ann Stewart Balakier, seconded by Elizabeth Squyer to approve nomination of the Mathias Schmid Farm to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed.

Jason Haug presented two nominations.

6) Faulkton American Legion Hall, Faulkton, Faulk County. The Hall housed important events throughout its history in the community.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ann Stewart Balakier, seconded by John E. Miller to approve the nomination of the Faulkton American Legion Hall to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed

7) Zech Farmstead, Watertown vicinity, Codington County. The large barn was built as a horse barn which was unusual for most barns served other animals as well as horses.

A MOTION WAS MADE by John E. Fowler, seconded by Gayla Koerting to approve the nomination of the Zech Farmstead to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed.

Mike Vogel presented five nominations.

- 8) L. P. Nielsen Barn, Woonsocket vicinity, Jerauld County.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Clare Bedsaul, seconded by Robert E. Kolbe to approve the nomination of the L. P. Nielsen Barn to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed.

- 9) Plumbing Supply Company (Crane Company Building), Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County.  
This structure was originally built as a 2 story building but a 3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>m</sup> floor were added later.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Robert E. Kolbe, seconded by Elizabeth Squyer, to approve the nomination of the Plumbing Supply Company building to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed

- 10) Wangsness Brothers General Store, Garretson, Minnehaha County.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Robert E. Kolbe, seconded by Gayla Koerting to approve the nomination of the Wangsness Brothers General Store to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed.

- 11) Freeman Junior College, Freeman, Hutchinson County. Four campus buildings contribute to the eligibility of the nomination of the former Mennonite academy.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ann Stewart, seconded by Robert Kolbe to approve the nomination of the Freeman Junior College to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion passed.

- 12) Brooklyn School, Beresford vicinity, Lincoln County.

A MOTION WAS MADE by John E. Miller, seconded by Ann Stewart Balakier to approve the nomination of the Brooklyn School to the National Register of Historic Places. Dale and Barbara Kennedy of rural Beresford spoke of the significance of the school to the history of the area. The motion passed.

The state review board adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

After his introduction, Secretary Jim Hagen asked the board of trustees to tell him about themselves. The Secretary then talked of Governor Round's 2010 Initiative and the place of the Department of Tourism and State Development in the economic development of the state. He sought input from the Trustees and asked them for ideas that could be implemented in the program.

#### Old Business

The decal design for the South Dakota State Historical Society vehicle license plates was presented to the board. The design measures 3" x 3" and can be affixed to an organizational license plate. The Heritage Fund will sponsor the decal with funds from an anonymous donor. Vogt will update the board at its December meeting about the process to purchase new plates and the decal.

Written reports from the director and program directors were mailed to the board of trustees prior to the meeting and are submitted now as the program updates.

Jim Haug, Archaeological Research Center. (Attachment #1) Mr. Haug was unable to be present.

Marvene Riis reported for the archives and said providing public service to researchers and collection of materials were but two of the areas the archives provide. Riis said the issue of the cost of copies of materials that are made for the public has not been reviewed. (Attachment #2)

Jay D. Vogt, Director. (Attachment #3) Vogt stated the roof of the Cultural Heritage Center is scheduled for repair/replacement sometime in the fall of 2004, hopefully to begin in September.

Research and Publications (Attachment #4). Jeanne Ode reported for Research and Publishing that the McGovern book should be out by the end of October.

David Hartley said the major concern of the museum is the progress of Phase III of the permanent exhibit. (Attachment #5)

Stephen Rogers reported next fiscal year planning is being done in the Historic Preservation Office. (Attachment #6)

Bonnie Bjork, Heritage Fund development officer (Attachment #7) was unable to attend the meeting.

#### New Business

Jim Wilson representing the Deadwood Historic Preservation Office reviewed the proposed Deadwood Historic Preservation budget. The board of trustees received a copy of the proposed budget for study before the meeting. Wilson stated the budget did not change substantially from last year as the cap of \$6.8 M from gaming funds has been reached. He stated there is sufficient capital remaining in the retaining wall grant fund to handle needs of the community. Wilson said the revolving loan fund has obligated 5.3 M dollars but has sufficient funds to operate, as loans are repaid more loans can be made. He said there will be some changes made to the fixed assets values to make them more realistic. The board suggested the actual expenditure for budget items be included in the next budget. Wilson said a museum planner and consulting conservator will be hired to supervise the collections. The period of significance has been determined to be from 1876-1939. Wilson said there is no acquisition fund. He also said grant funds to non-profit institutions is capped at \$100,000, there are no plans to increase that fund. Projects eligible to apply for preservation funds outside of Deadwood must be on the National Register and show a relationship to Deadwood history. The production of the "Trial of Jack McCall" will be made more historically accurate in the future since the rights to the production was purchased for \$150,000 and will be protected by copyright. Partial funding of the economic development director salary was made because an attempt is being made to put small businesses in some of the empty historic buildings in Deadwood as part of the economic development effort. Requests were made to add specific definitive explanations for line items. As there were no further questions A MOTION WAS MADE by John E. Miller to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Clare Bedsaul. Motion was approved. Kolbe voted no.

A decision concerning the South Dakota Wilderness Heritage brochure will be made at the December meeting.

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Vogt asked the board members to bring their calendars to the December meeting so the meeting dates for 2005 can be finalized.

There were no nominees for certificates of recognition.

Gayla Koerting nominated Ann Stewart Balakier for the office of vice president of the board of trustees, seconded by Kolbe who requested a unanimous ballot be cast for Balakier. All approved.

Ann Stewart Balakier nominated Jeffrey Buechler for the office of president of the board of trustees, seconded by Tobin. All approved.

Kolbe mentioned Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce will be 100 years old in 2006; the City of Sioux Falls will be celebrating its sesquicentennial (150 years) in 2007.

Kolbe also suggested the use of the Illingworth collection of Custer expedition in a 3D presentation that could be prepared by the EROS data Center and for the Center visitors.

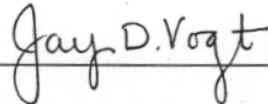
#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

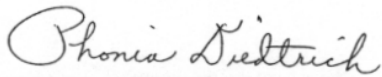
#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

I, Jay D. Vogt, Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, declare that these minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the business conducted at the September 10, 2004 meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jay D. Vogt", written over a horizontal line.

Jay D. Vogt, Director  
South Dakota State Historical Society

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Phonia Diedrich".

Phonia Diedrich  
Recording Secretary

# Archaeological Research Center Activities

## June-August 2004

### Contracts

Dave Hoist is leading two teams working on the site re-location project for the Corps of Engineers. The Corps had a list of more than 600 sites that needed to be located and re-recorded using modern GPS equipment. They have finished the Lewis & Clark and Lake Francis Case areas and have begun the next reservoir. Jim Donohue arranged several tribal consultations meetings on two DOT projects. Consultations were held on sites along SD Hwy 79 north of Hot Springs and on SD Hwy 10 just west of Browns Valley, MN. The latter area contains the Dougherty Mound group, which will likely be affected by road construction. Tom Messerli monitored a waterline construction project at Lake Herman State Park near Madison. The ditcher struck a burial, and the work was halted until the situation was resolved. Other staff, including Roger Williams, Ned Hanenberger, Davie Dale, Al Bennett, Rick Hanson, and Scott Des Planques, worked on numerous smaller DOT and other projects. We completed 19 surveys, 8 site evaluations, and 16 reports. Rose Fosha, Dan Byrne, Tern Holts, and a host of seasonal help and volunteers began the 2004 Deadwood Chinatown excavation in June and continued until mid-August. This concluded work for the Chinatown area, other than a small piece of property near the old Wing Su building. The team also tested an area on Sherman St. slated for development as a convention center. We have been negotiating with the developers and the city, and another excavation will likely be scheduled beginning this fall.

### Outreach

Jim Haug and Mike Fosha conducted another two-week excavation at the Hartford Beach Village site in July. The site is a fortified village dating to about A.D. 1100-1200, situated in Hartford Beach State Park on Big Stone Lake. This year's work concentrated on removing a stone feature and searching for signs of the palisade wall. We were assisted by a volunteer crew. Dr. Kerry Lippincott also joined the excavation team. He is a specialist in identification of freshwater mussels, which are found in abundance at the site. Jim also completed a second edition of the original report of the 1980-1981 field work at the Winter site and Hartford Beach Village. It was issued as *Special Publication in Archaeology No. 2* and is available as a download from our web site. Mike also conducted a second season of work at the Brookings Mammoth site. Mammoth bones at this locality were found eroding into the Big Sioux River several years ago. What appears to be a Paleoindian occupation is located near the bones. Part of the work was to examine the relationship between the mammoth and the human occupation. Mike was joined by numerous volunteers and Dr. Steve Holen of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

### **Fort Pierre Chateau**

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, the question came up about the status of the Fort Pierre Chateau project. Mike Fosha has been working on a report on the excavations conducted at Fort Pierre Chateau. He reports as follows:

- Over the past three years several thousand of the more "significant" artifacts have gone through the first phase; that is to say they have been entered into artifact record forms that give a description of the artifact, possible function, weight, dimensions, drawings, and

pertinent sources from where the information was gleaned. This has been done to a large degree by Dr. Richard Fox and students at USD. Presently there are four books in my office containing this information

- A number of artifact categories have been completed by the above analysis. These include:
  - Blacksmith-related items
  - Firearms-related items
  - Identifiable ceramics
  - Metal tools and identifiable tin receptacles
- The faunal material (except for some of the fish) has been identified by Miles Gilbert, although this was written out in tabular form without species identification or any text. This awaits write up in a more meaningful fashion
- I am almost finished with the pipes and will be working on the prehistoric assemblage next
- Buttons are being worked on at this point in time
- Beads will be one of the larger categories that we will need to have done
- Slides have been scanned for the report and additional feature analysis
- Soil profiles were also scanned to be put into the GIS
- The maps are nearing completion, much of which is the result of Tammy Davis using this data for her thesis. Once she is completed, this data can be used in the final report
- A draft was written in 2000 that is awaiting the addition of the maps, etc.
- Artifact reports will be separate volumes once everything is compiled
- What remains to be done:
  - I will need to look at the data that Tammy worked up to see if it is in a suitable state for publication. If not, one of our GIS assistants will have to complete the maps
  - I have talked with Rob Bozell at the Nebraska State Historical Society about taking the data Miles Gilbert started to see if he can write something up from it
  - The above-mentioned artifacts
  - Choose which artifacts are the most meaningful and present them in descriptive form in a text; photograph, and draw some of the others

## **Repository**

Renee Boen and Candy Taft continued work on inventorying collections for a variety of agencies, including the Black Hills National Forest and Bureau of Reclamation. Renee has continued working with the DOT on funding for a new Spacesaver storage unit. Representatives from the DOT will tour the facility in October. The Corps of Engineers will also be contributing to the project. Jane Watts entered 181 sites to the ARMS database, and revised 31 sites. She received 134 reports for the library and conducted 32 record searches.

Heidi Sieverding continued work on refining our GIS mapping data, correcting site and survey data from the existing database, and preparing maps for our archaeologists. She also developed a GIS workstation for visiting researchers needing to conduct record searches.



## **Burials**

The Lake Herman State Park burial was discovered during construction monitoring in June. Tom Messerli kept the remains covered and worked on-site with the park staff. Renee Boen and Jim Donohue came out and met with park staff and representatives of the local tribes. The decision was to replace the remains in the grave and route to waterline to a new location.

Another burial crisis surfaced in early July, when a developer struck human remains at a project near Lake Albert in Hamlin Co. He had previously been informed by Mike Fosha and by local authorities about the likelihood of burial mounds and graves on the high areas above the lake. He bulldozed them anyway. Mike and Renee Boen met with the developer, local authorities, and tribal representatives. As a result, an archaeological consultant has been examining the development for graves and human remains under a three-part scope of work developed by Boen.

## **Other**

We have begun work on a rock art exhibit to go in our display area at the Journey Museum. It will replace the animated puzzle. The target date for installation is January 2005.

## **Update on Archives for March - April, 2004**

### **Board of Trustees Meeting May 20, 2004 Annual**

#### **Meeting**

The final count for the annual meeting was 151 participants. Comments during and following the meeting indicated that it was well received.

#### **Archives Week**

The archives will celebrate the fourth annual archives week October 17-23 with the theme: South Dakota History: Use it, Preserve It. A Governor's Proclamation will be requested and programs will be presented on Monday through Thursday evenings in the education room and the archives research room. The programs have not been finalized but tentative topics include Pierre being chosen the Capitol, the naturalization process, researching in the archives, family history preservation, and a movie night featuring films from the archives collection.

#### **Census Projects**

Bill and Annie Jordon, volunteers with the Utah Genealogical Society are now filming the "S's " in the 1945 census. They anticipate they will be finished filming in October completing the filming of the census records (1905, 1915, 1925, 1935, 1945). Inmates at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield are entering data for last names beginning with "N" from the 1905 census cards. 265,384 entries have been made into the database.

#### **Naturalization Indexes**

The only indexes to naturalization that remain to be checked and corrected are those for Union, Walworth, and Yankton Counties. The information is in an Access database searchable by name, county, dates, country of origin, etc. Plans are to have a portion of this information available on the website possibly in searchable form similar to the newspaper database.

#### **Newspaper Project**

129,340 records have been entered in the Access database of birth, marriage, and divorce information from the newspapers at the prison in Springfield.

#### **Outreach**

Alice Petrik and Virginia Hanson represented the Historical Society at the Elk Point Lewis and Clark Heritage Days Festival on August 20-22.

Tours of the archives were given to approximately 76 individuals.

### **Personnel**

Librarian, LaVera Rose resigned April 23 to take a job as digital librarian at the State Library. Marvene Riis took the Librarian position in July. Applications for the archivist have been reviewed and the position should be filled soon. Executive interns, Aimee Everett and Megan Jaros worked May 12 through August 20. They completed inventorying the shelves in archive's storage, prepared guides to collections including four county guides which were placed on the website, updated the South Dakota chronology on the web, processed records, and assisted in the research room.

### **State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB)**

An Oral History Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the University of South Dakota Library in Vermillion. Dr. Herbert Hoover will be conducting the workshop. A draft of an oral history brochure has been completed for the SHRAB members to review.

### **Statistics for May-August**

The archives received 81 collections totaling 70.25 cubic ft. Fifty-eight collections totaling 312 cubic ft. were processed. Staff handled 2026 reference requests by mail, telephone or email, and 805 individuals visited the archives either to conduct research or for tours.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

**South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees]**  
 September 10, 2004, Meeting

## 1. Proposed FY2006 Budget Increases

|  | General Funds         | Federal Funds-authority | Other Funds-authority |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Cultural Heritage Center 044201</b>           |                       |                         |                       |
| Personal Services                                | \$ 41,113 (1 new FIE) |                         |                       |
| Operating Expenses                               | \$161,454             |                         | \$ 2,000              |
|  |                       |                         |                       |
| <b>State Historic Preservation Office 044202</b> |                       |                         |                       |
| Personal Services                                |                       |                         |                       |
| Operating Expenses                               | \$ 12,000             |                         |                       |
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| <b>Archaeological Research Center 044203</b>     |                       |                         |                       |
| Personal Services                                | \$ 37,881             |                         |                       |
| Operating Expenses                               | \$ 23,959             |                         | (\$ 34,500)           |
|  |                       |                         |                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>\$197,413</b>      |                         | <b>(\$ 32,500)</b>    |

2. Verendrye Monument, National Historic Landmark: The renovation of the le Verendrye Monument site in Fort Pierre has been suspended until next spring. The site is one of the State Historical Society-managed properties. The City of Fort Pierre has prepared the area for the renovation project. However, project bids far exceeded the engineering estimates. The Department of Transportation has agreed to provide additional funding if the project is re-bid for the spring construction season. Currently, \$175,000 in Transportation Enhancement Funds and \$50,000 in Deadwood Fund funds are earmarked toward the project.

3. Lewis and Clark: I was one of the speakers at the Lewis and Clark Signature Event opening ceremony August 26. The State Historical Society has had a display and promoted our latest book at Lewis and Clark festival events in Mobridge, Elk Point, and Yankton, and we will also participate in the event at Pierre.

4. Historic Governor's Residence: The State Historical Society is assisting in finding an owner and new use for the historic Governor's Residence. In August a letter was sent to all the local history-related groups inviting them to consider assuming ownership of the house.

5. 2010 Initiative: The State Historical Society monthly report will be changing in format over the next couple of months to better emphasize our efforts in the 2010 Initiative. The State Historical Society falls mainly in Goal Four: Brand and Develop South Dakota's Quality of Life as the Best in America by 2010. The department will determine a specific reporting format for the 2010 Initiative into our monthly reporting.

## **Research and Publishing Program Update, 31 August 2004**

### SDSHS PRESS

In July, we learned that Janet Howe Townsley and *Dakota Dreams* received a Certificate of Commendation from the American Association of State and Local History.

*Gold, Gals, Guns, Guts* was delivered on 10 June 2004. The Adams Museum and the City of Deadwood hosted a book signing and reception for Bob Lee and Wynn Lindstrom on 31 July, at which they sold 100 books in two hours. Sales of this book have been brisk, and we may need to reprint before next summer.

Schell and Miller's *History of South Dakota* arrived on 27 July 2004. *Aberdeen American News* and the *Rapid City Journal* did feature stories on the publication, generating orders.

*Finding Lewis and Clark* was delivered on 18 August in time for the Book Festival in Sioux Falls on 27-29 August. Attendance was disappointing, although Ronda's talk went well. We will announce the book formally at the Bismarck Lewis and Clark Signature Event and the Northern Great Plains History Conference in October.

The design for *George McGovern: A Political Life, a Political Legacy* was approved, the index edited, and the typesetting begun. The cover design has also been approved.

Annette Windhorn prepared copy for the SDSHS Press catalog and explored mailing-list possibilities. We will also study her recommendations for our website in the next months.

The Press will hold its 2005-2006 launch meeting on 17 September to look at production schedules for the next eighteen months. Paula Nelson's editing of the Alice and Joseph Gossage letters is in the office for preliminary reading, as are several book proposals. James D. McLaird and Gilbert Fite completed introductions for reprint volumes.

### SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORY

Volume 34, no. 2 (Summer 2004) will be out in four weeks. It contains an article about the state's political culture, written by John E. Miller, Jon Lauck, and Edward Hogan. Memoirs of a doctor's wife in Harding County and an article about tuberculosis on the reservation round out the issue. Volume 34, no. 3 (Fall 2004) goes to design on 10 September. Ode has turned her attention to the huge backlog of manuscript submissions.

### HISTORY NOTES

The Spring/Summer issue came out the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. The planning meeting for the Fall/Winter issue is set for 13 September.

## Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board Report 30 August 2004

- Exhibit Schedule:  
*Dakota Dreams*, 28 November 2003 - September 2004 *Native American Games*, 17 April - September 2004 *Cultural Heritage Center 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit*, 24 July - Korean War Exhibit, 11 September 2004 -  
*Historic Preservation/National Register Exhibit*, 20 November 2004 -
- Kathryn Higdon installed the *Cultural Heritage Center 15th Anniversary* exhibit in the Collections Gallery in July.
- A large-scale outdoor version of the *Lewis and Clark in South Dakota* exhibit was completed and featured at Lewis and Clark events in Elk Point and Yankton in August.
- Kathryn Higdon and Historic Preservation staff completed the draft label copy for the *Historic Preservation/National Register Exhibit* and turned it over to Ronette Rumpca for editing. Kathryn Higdon is finalizing the exhibit layout, while Justin Snider is selecting objects and photographs, and Historic Preservation staff are restoring architectural elements for inclusion in the exhibit.
- Exhibit and Outreach Planning Project:  

The museum staff met with the museum's accessibility committee on 24 June to review how well the planned *Changing Times* permanent exhibit meets ADA design requirements for persons with mobility, visual, and hearing impairments. The exhibit received high marks overall, along with a number of suggested improvements. In addition, consultant Jeff Kisecker of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired saw no problems with access in his review of our online exhibit, *The Dakota Experience*.
- Ronette Rumpca secured the speakers and completed development of the program for the 2005 South Dakota State Historical Society Annual Meeting, and submitted a grant proposal for funding to the South Dakota Humanities Council. The subject and timing of the annual meeting will coincide with the opening of *Changing Times: South Dakota in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*.
- David Hartley submitted a preliminary application to the Ludwick Family Foundation requesting support for the purchase of a digital audio guide system to enhance accessibility to the museum's permanent exhibits. Hartley also completed the final evaluation and financial report for the *Endless Horizons: South Dakota Art for a New Century* project grant and submitted it to the South Dakota Arts Council. Our grant request to the National Endowment for the Humanities for \$255,000 for the online *Dakota Experience* was not successful; however, the grant proposal was well received by the panel and we have been encouraged to reapply.
- Heather Bigeck traveled to the Timber Lake and Area Historical Society on 11 June to assist them in preserving two wedding dresses. Ronette Rumpca met with the Dakota Sunset Museum in Gettysburg on 9 June and the Prayer Rock Museum in Britton on 22 June regarding their moves into new storage and exhibit spaces. Rumpca also met with the Fairfax Historical Society on 12 August to advise on the operation of their museum.
- With the remodeling of the administration area of the Cultural Heritage Center, Kathryn Higdon and Justin Snider moved out of the former graphic design room and into the former graphics production room.

- A new fire detection system was installed in the Cultural Heritage Center, replacing the old zone system. The new system will pinpoint the location of a fire or malfunction at the individual detector.
- Interns Stephanie Higdon and Scott Olson completed the museum collections inventory project for the summer. We had thought that it would take two summers to complete the full inventory; however, the interns completed all but one aisle, the hanging racks, and the objects on the floor, which the museum staff will finish.
- David Hartley, Heather Bigeck, and interns Stephanie Higdon and Scott Olson met with staff and board members of the W.H. Over Museum in Vermillion on 5 - 6 August to inspect storage conditions and review collections management procedures. The Friends of the Museum continue to provide excellent care for the state historical society collections which they manage.

## UPDATE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. SDSU has accepted a bid for the work at Woodbine Cottage the work will include window restoration.
2. A series of window restoration workshops will be conducted across SD between Sept 1 and Sept 12 by a nationally recognized expert in association with the SHPO
3. Deadwood Fund Grant applications will be due on October 1, 2004
4. The SHPO staff and Museum staff are working together to develop a museum exhibit about the National Register of Historic Places. It will go into the Hogen Gallery in early November.
5. After several years of trying to convince Hand County to utilize the historic jail, the county will be demolishing the structure instead. We followed the State Review process and the County has determined that no Feasible and Prudent alternatives exist.
6. In October the SHPO staff will begin planning for Federal Fiscal Year 2005 funding. Any input or suggestions for potential projects, resources that need to be surveyed, etc. would be welcome and appreciated.
7. The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) operates the France "Peg" Lamont Preservation Services Fund for South Dakota. The fund is to encourage grassroots preservation of historic resources in our state. We are trying to spread the word that small grants, typically \$2500 to \$5000 are available to do structure analysis, determine potential reuses, etc.



**DEVELOPMENT REPORT  
HERITAGE FUND  
Report for May 1, 2004 to August 31, 2004**

**ANNUAL FUND**

The SD State Historical Society has 1,906 members. This is 26 new members since April. Of these members, 207 (11%) are Heritage Circle members which is an increase in seven new HC members. We have been continuing to promote membership to all the groups that we address and to those who have attended the Annual Meeting, etc. Our goal is to have 82 new members by the end of the year with 15% of those members being Heritage Circle members. Since the beginning of the year, we have 60 new members.

Our biennial solicitation letter went out in July. We have received a response from 54 donors totaling \$2,205 equally an average gift of \$41. The Annual Fund receipts to date are \$26,547.82 of the projected \$42,623 budgeted. We have raised 62% of the budget to date.

**CAPITOL CAMPAIGN**

\$2,985,538.23 has been pledged to the Capitol Campaign to date. Of that \$180,385 are new pledges since May 1, 2004. This amount includes the \$150,000 that was raised for the staff/board challenge. We appreciate the participation of all the board members and encourage those that have not participated to do so.

**Analysis of each Initiative:**

The following is the amount that has been raised and designated for the various initiatives of the campaign:

*Permanent Exhibit--\$1,488,337.30 of the \$1,500,000 needed*

This should complete the campaign. The estimated budget approved by the Board in February, 2004 for this initiative was \$1,440,400. We are trying to work with Muth Electric to schedule a visit for an in-kind donation for the electrical and with the South Dakota Broadcasters to possibly sponsor the Radio and Television exhibit. .

*Taking History on the Road--\$650,250 of the \$900, 000 needed*

We received notification that the \$255,000 NEH grant application was not funded. They did encourage us to reapply next year. This would delay the implementation of the website for at least a year. We also have a proposal into Toshiba America to fund a portion of this initiative. Toshiba has indicated a proposal decision will be made in the fall. Private fundraising will continue to fund the website. The Heritage Fund Board authorized the hiring of individuals for the suitcase education kits and traveling exhibits.

*Research and Publications--\$45,000 of the \$500,000 needed.*

Proposals for furthering this initiative are pending with the Halverson-Christianson Foundation, the Fishback Family, Great Plains Educational Foundation, and the Flandreau

Sioux Tribe. Heartland Paper also indicated that they might be interested in donation \$5,000 cash and a \$5,000 in-kind contribution.

***Upgrade the Archives--\$11,795 of the \$200,000 needed.***

Working with Marvene and Sheila, we have sent a directed solicitation for this initiative to 1445 users of the State Archives. This is phase one of this initiative. We have received a response of 2.4% or \$3,365. The average donation is \$100 and ranges from \$25 to \$600. I am still waiting for Sheila to complete the Phase II solicitation to an additional 3589 users.

***Endowment Funds-\$202,341 of the \$1 million needed.***

Plans are in the works to apply for a NEH Challenge Grant in November to match fundraising efforts for an endowment campaign. The program matches \$1 in NEH money for each \$3 in nonfederal funds raised. All endowment pledges that we have received since June, 2004 may be counted toward the match. The application is due November 1, 2004 with a decision in June, 2005.

***Unrestricted-\$ 799,942 in unrestricted funds has been raised.***

***The total amount raised for the campaign to date is \$2,985,583. We have raised 80% of the non-endowment funds needed.***